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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

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INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 07934

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MOPS PINS CG

SUBJECT: KOLWEZI EVACUATION

REF: STATE 127568

1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY PHILIP MANSFIELD AFTERNOON OF MAY 19. RE PARA ONE, MANSFIELD SAID UK AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN LETTER FROM GOZ REQUESTING UK ASSISTANCE IN PROTECTION OF COMMONWEALTH CITIZENS IN KOLWEZI. THERE IS NO RESPONSE YET FROM KINSHASA, BUT MANSFIELD SAID HE WOULD SEND FOLLOW-UP INSTRUCTION URGING UK AMBASSADOR TO OBTAIN LETTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER THREE AMBASSADORS. ASKED IF HMG WOULD MAKE TEXT PUBLIC, MANSFIELD ANSWERED THAT FACT OF THE LETTER AND ZAIRIAN APPEAL WOULD BE REFERRED TO PUBLICLY IN A MINISTERIAL RESPONSE TO A PARLIAMEN- TARY QUESTION.

2. MANSFIELD WAS NOT AWARE OF THE DISAGREEMENT AMONG AMBASSADORS IN NEW YORK ON MAY 18 (USUN 2025). EMBASSY
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OFFICER DESCRIBED MEETING AND SAID THAT SINCE EVACUATION OPERATION IS ALREADY IN TRAIN, WE SHOULD MOVE PROMPTLY TO BUILD THE PUBLIC RECORD. MANSFIELD AGREES TO AUTHORIZE UK AMBASSADORS IN KINSHASA (PREFERABLY) AND NEW YORK TO CONCERT WITH COLLEAGUES IN DEVELOPING PUBLIC LETTER FROM MOBUTU TO SC PRESIDENT.

STREATOR

DISSIMINATION COORDINATED WITH SS/O PER MR. SUMMERS.

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